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**SOMIS CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 19  
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2025, MEETING**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Mishler-Chair  
David Hutter, Keith Huss  
Tyler Cobb

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

COMMITTEE VACANCY: One

STAFF: David Fleisch, Assistant Director  
Jeff Palmer, Assistant Director  
June Kim, Engineering Manager  
Sean Hanley, WWS Superintendent  
Pam Cook, Senior Accountant-Zoom  
Jean Fontayne, Staff Services Manager II  
Art Aseo, Deputy Director  
Homer Arredondo, Engineering Mgr. II  
Gilberto Minero, Staff Services Mgr- Zoom  
Lourdes Handlin, Accountant II  
Maryann Ranallo, Mgmt. Asst III

GUESTS: Kathy Janowski  
Shelly Allen – Zoom  
Alisha Redican - Zoom  
Esper Peterson - Zoom  
Jamie M - Zoom  
Israel Rodriguez – Zoom  
Vimie Alvarez - Zoom

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Michael Mishler called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. 3 of 3 Committee Members are present. David Hutter's CAC term has expired and is waiting to be re-instated Feb 25<sup>th</sup> at the Board of Supervisor's Meeting. Jeff Palmer introduced himself to the CAC; He is taking over David Fleisch's position as Assistant Agency Director. His current role was Director of Watershed Protection. He is a Civil Engineer and has taken on several roles with-in Ventura County, public and private for the past 35 years.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2024, MEETING**

Motion to adopt the minutes was made by Michael Mishler.  
Vote: Nay 0, Yea 3. Minutes adopted.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

A. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REVIEW –

- We put together a Cash Reserves Graph with actual, budget and projection for several years. Wet years and dry years factored into the cost. We are putting together what the trend is over time and water import costs and how it all comes together. Keith Huss asked, Is the imported costs just based on cost as far as infrastructure? The cost we pay to Calleguas is the basic imported water fee. All three wells in WWD19 are online, and we use 3% of imported water.
- The Somis Farmworker Housing, what kind of occupy are they now, and are they going to be a significant user? We believe it will be about 80-acre feet a year. It's all apartment living, which uses less water than single family.
- Requested at the last meeting, and here in the agenda packet, a slide on Water Usage by Ag, Residential and Commercial using percentages. We can see the Ag is the largest water user in WWD19.
- Michael Mishler is suggesting that a Financial Sub-committee is chosen to get together and review the process of how our financial reports come through and the process. Volunteers to make this sub-committee: Michael Mishler, David Hutter, Kathy Janowski, anyone else who would want to be the second public person to be on the subcommittee, contact Maryann Ranallo at Water & Sanitation to be added. Jeff Palmer and Michael Mishler will establish a good date. schedule something in the next 3-5 weeks.

B. CAPITAL PROJECTS REVIEW

- Rehabilitate Well 4 at Balcom Canyon between Stockton and LA Ave- 10% complete. Hired a consultant. General Pump Company will be putting in the new pump.
- Caltrans Pipe Relocation, LA and between Sand Canyon and Balcom Canyon Road-Caltrans is at the design phase. They will relocate pipeline.
- Pump Station at 571 Reservoir N of Worth Way-In progress.
- A priority list of projects is being made and will be available soon.

C. O&M UPDATE

- Overview map of Somis Water System from the last master plan.
- Bad wind season this year. The National Weather Service has created a new wind labeling system. Red flag warnings. We've had 5 Public Safety Shut off events this year. The last time was 2020. There is an outage map from SCE. Temp. loss of power and turning on and off the power. SCE gives a generic notification "power will be off for so many hours." Isreal Roriguez had a question re: Boil

- water notice. How many times does it occur? Sean Hanley replied, This happened because of the fire. The Everbridge goes out to our customers that need to be involved. During the fire, we asked some homeowners to boil their water before use in case it was necessary. It wasn't necessary, so shortly after, another notification was sent out to continue with normal water usage.
- Pressure cannot go under 5 PSI, then we must send out a precautionary notice. Therefore, generators cannot fail during electrical outages.
- During the Mountain Fires around the generator the trees and fencing had damage. The generator ran for 5 days straight, very reliable. We are in a position we cannot have our generator down ever.
- One Capital Project, we are looking to build a pump station on the corner of Bradley and Greentree to help push more water to certain areas for a fire protection. This is a redundancy that would be nice to have, but it's a matter of money and priority.
- What kind of projects are we doing: Wells 2, 3, and 4 none of them have a permanent generator. District 19 does not have their own mobile generator. We rented a generator for Well 2 for a period.
- The 571 Reservoir & Pump Station, we installed a new 300 KW Generator January 2025.
- O&M Updates
- Year over year AF per month. Jan produced 148AF the highest in a while. We only bought 3% Calleguas Water. Well 2 was the biggest water producer. Well 4 doesn't have as much demand.
- Water Quality and Pressure Complaints for 2024 total is 24 Color/Odor. 15 for Pressure, result of infrastructure mostly on the customer side.
- Mainline Leaks-5 in 2024. Service line Leaks-1 in 2024 (lateral to the main).
- AML, magnets to pass out to get your neighbors signed up.

## 5. DIRECTOR'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. LAS POSAS VALLEY WATERMASTER
  - Continued discussion that the Las Posas Valley Watermaster Policy Advisory Committee that there isn't any significant news to announce. Continued discussion on how to come up with water usage and cuts. Cost effective and high investment and reducing cost.
- B. CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT/ METROPOLITAN WATER
  - No additional information to share.
- C. BOARD LETTER TRACKER – AN UPDATE ON VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEMS RELATED TO THE DISTRICT
  - 3/11/25 Commercial Solid Waste Agreement

Minutes of the Ventura County Waterworks District No. 19  
Citizens' Advisory Committee  
Meeting for February 13, 2025

- 3/18/25 WWD19 Well No. 4
- 4/8/25 Misc. Office Fees
- 4/8/25 Misc. Engineering Fees

D. AVENUES OF PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Reminder going out to customers not to water when it rains

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Michael Michler would like to see an infrastructure field trip. Visiting WWD19. Plus, or minus hours in a van maybe we could take out the Supervisors. I would like some feedback. See behind the scenes. Ask the board if they are okay with that. All approved. Afternoon was decided. Monday through Friday. We will come up with some dates and times. Please get back to Michael Michler on this. Isreal Rodriguez would like it coordinated with their office as the BOS would like to be involved.
- Thanked David Fleisch for his time and effort. Michael Michler gave him a gift of a plant from himself on behalf of WWD19.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting is adjourned at 4:53 PM

The next meeting is April 10, 2025.